# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

# *Sharing God’s Word; Showing God’s Love; Serving God’s World.*

Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost

October 2, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse

 the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily

 magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God

 who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 *(We pause for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in**

 **thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved**

 **you with our whole heart; we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your**

 **Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in**

 **your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives

 you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of

 God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENNING HYMN “You Servants of God” #825**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Most merciful God: When we are feeling empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen**

 **us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with grace we may love our neighbors and faithfully serve**

 **your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** *(Please Stand)* **(*Tune: Joyful, Joyful: #836*)**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt You, we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before You; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, You have come from heav’n above; on the cross You died to save us; now You reign at God’s right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in Your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim You; Lord alone to You we call; Holy One in faith we name You, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:1 – 4; 2:1 – 4

 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore, the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27** (selected verses)

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: When evildoers assail me, they shall stumble and fall.

**C: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**C: To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to**

 **inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will set me high on a rock.

**C: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!**

L: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn away from your servant, you who have been my help.

**C: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me.

**C: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

L: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

**C: Wait for the LORD!**

**Second Reading**: 2 Timothy 1:1 – 14

 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation “I Love to Tell the Story” vs. 1 #661**

**The Gospel:** Luke 17:5 – 10

 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” Jesus replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Message**  Pastor Howard Batt

**HYMN OF RESPONSE “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” #818**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

P: Let us affirm our faith together, in the God that calls us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and

 enlightens our minds, empowers us for ministry, and keeps us in true faith, through his Holy Spirit.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only**

 **Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the**

 **third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He**

 **will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic**

 **Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life**

 **everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession:**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your bountiful mercy which

 we know we have through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory** *(Please Stand)* **“We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread**

 **from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world**

 **signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

P: God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we

 might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son

 to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9, 10).

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: The Lord’s table is ready. Please come, all the baptized who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior are

 welcome, guests and everyone.

**Distribution Hymns “Blessed Assurance” #638 “Rock of Ages” #623**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

P: God of grace and abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with

 Christ and all His people. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim

 Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever, in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #547**

P: Go in the Spirit of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

C: Sharing God’s Word, Showing God’s Love, and Serving God’s World.

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Janice Dill Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Brian and Mary Thomsen Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Loren Ulness & Bob Wigen Lector & Communion Aide: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Janice Dill Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Gladys Hansen Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Jim Ahrens and Steve Ahrens Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Projection: Mollie Junk

**Last Week** – Sunday: 89 Wednesday: 43 Offerings to the Lord’s work: 4,480.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Daryl Gilbertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Matt Kerkhoff, Tom Titzkowski, Henry Holzer, Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske.

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

**Faith’s Opportunities October 2-9**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday school

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. 7th & 8th grade Confirmation

**Thursday** 8:00 A.M. Quilting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, Sunday school, Congregational Meeting,

 4th grade Communion Retreat

The Valders Faithful Quilters is having a Silent Auction displaying 8 different quilts they have made. This will end Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. The starting value for each quilt is $25.00 with a minimum of $5.00 increments. The money raised will be used to purchase batting for quilts for those in the area, Salvation Army, nursing homes, missionaries, as well as Lutheran World Relief for those in need. Thank you for your continued support of the quilters.

**You are invited to celebrate with Pastor Jim and his family as he goes off into retirement.** Uncle Mike LLC from Mishicot will be providing High Flying Family Fun at the pancake celebration on:  **Sunday, October 30 from 10:15-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Cost:** None **Included:** All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausages, butter, syrup, fruit, toppings and beverages.  **Reservations:** Call Christine at 920-775-4141 or fill out the form at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space by Sunday, October 16. Join us for a short program and a day of family fun! You don’t want to miss this event as we send Pastor Jim off into retirement.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to visit the downstairs area and see the paintings done to brighten up our Sunday school area, please do. Thank you to painters: Lori Christel, Clarissa and Whitney Ulness, Anderia Frank and Sue Riesterer. What a brightly colored addition to this area…it looks great!